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SUBJ: 29TH GA--CONSULTATIVE COMITE ON CONFERENCE FOR
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR (IWY)

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1. SUMMARY. DEADLOCK WITHIN WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHERS
(WEOS) GROUP BROKEN BY INCREASING NUMBER OF COMITE
MEMBERS FROM 22 TO 23 AND BY ITALIAN WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDACY.
RESULT IS WEOS HAVE SIX SEATS THREE OF WHICH ALLOCATED
TO PERMANENT MEMBERS OF SECURITY COUNCIL--US, UK AND FRANCE.
END SUMMARY.

2. IN MEETING OF THIRD COMITE WEO GROUP THIS AM DEC 10
SHORTLY BEFORE CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECT IN PLENARY,
AMB PLAYA ANNOUNCED TO SURPRISED AND PLEASED WEO GROUP THAT
HE HAD JUST OBTAINED AGREEMENT FROM CHAIRWOMEN OF THIRD
COMITE AND HEADS OF REGIONAL GROUPS TO INCREASE MEMBERSHIP
FROM 22 TO 23. IRANIAN AMENDMENT TO INCREASE MEMBERSHIP
FROM 18 TO 22 WOULD BE AMENDED TO INCREASE IT TO 23 INSTEAD.

3. AMB PLAYA USED ARGUMENTS THAT WEOS DESERVED FIVE SEATS
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FOR THEMSELVES, ESPECIALLY AS THEY WERE MAJOR VOLUNTARY

CONTRIBUTORS TO IWY FUNDS, AND THAT THEY REQUIRED ONE MORE BECAUSE THEY "HAD THE HONOR TO HAVE THE US INCLUDED WITH THEM IN THIS INSTANCE WHICH WAS NOT ALWAYS THE CASE." THEREFORE THE SIXTH SEAT WAS REALLY THE US SEAT. IT APPEARED THAT OTHER REGIONAL HEADS WERE NOT ANXIOUS TO REOPEN VEXED ISSUE OF CANDIDACY WITHIN THEIR OWN GROUPS AND DID NOT PRESS TO INCREASE NUMBER OF SEATS BEYOND 23.

4. AMB PLAYA'S ACHIEVEMENT AND FACT THAT ISSUE HAD TO BE RESOLVED BEFORE MORNING PLENARY SESSION ADJOURNED GALVANIZED WEOS INTO BREAKING DEADLOCK. AMB PLAYA AGAIN CONTRIBUTED TO SOLUTION BY WITHDRAWING ITALY'S CANDIDACY IN FAVOR OF BELGIUM. (OTHER EUROPEAN REPS TERMED THIS MOST ATYPICAL OF ITALIANS WHO USUALLY FIGHT DOGGEDLY FOR MEMBERSHIP ON EVERY AVAILABLE UN BODY). RESULT IS THAT WEO MEMBERS ON CONSULTATIVE COMITE INCLUDING US ARE: US, UK, FRANCE, AUSTRALIA, BELGIUM, SWEDEN. THIS SOLUTION PROVIDES MEMBERSHIP FOR THREE PERMANENT SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS, THUS MAINTAINING PRINCIPLE THAT THEY SHOULD AUTOMATICALLY BE REPRESENTED ON UN SUB-BODIES.

5. IN PLENARY AMEMDMENT RAISING NUMBER OF MEMBERS TO 23 WAS ADOPTED WITHOUT VOTE. RES ESTABLISHING CONSULTATIVE COMITE WAS PASSED 127(US)-0-1(SAUDI ARABIA) AND CHAIRMAN READ OFF FOLLOWING LIST OF MEMBERS: AUSTRALIA, BELGIUM, BRAZIL, FRANCE, GDR, INDIA, IRAN JAMAICA, JAPAN, JORDAN, MEXICO, NIGER, PHILIPPINES, ROMANIA, RUANDA, SENEGAL, SIERRA LEONE, SWEDEN, TUNISIA, USSR, UK, US, VENEZUELA. FRG TOOK OCCASION TO ANNOUNCE IT WAS CONTRIBUTING \$20,000 TO UN OR IWY PROGRAM.

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